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LISA ZIEGERT

## No Need To Panic, But Police Urge People To Use Caution

by Detective Wayne Macey  
Agawam Police Department

The death of Lisa Ziegert is a tragedy of major proportion. The homicide and subsequent investigation has turned this town upside down and sent shockwaves of fear and concern across the entire northeast.

The Agawam Police Department, together with state and local authorities, have mustered the necessary manpower in order that we may give this case top priority. We are working 24 hours around the clock, processing hundreds and hundreds of pieces of information.

Each lead is investigated and given a priority rating. We welcome and encourage any and all information, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem. Please call, and we will make a determination as to its importance.

Although we continue to answer everyday complaints and calls for assistance, rest assured that our major focus is on finding Lisa's assailant. We have investigated many homicides in the past while maintaining distance and diverting emotion.

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# Agawam Grieving Over Lisa

## Town Unites To Help People Deal With Staggering Tragedy

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Disbelief and fear have gripped Agawam townspeople since the word of Lisa Ziegert's death came on Easter Sunday. Shock waves have rippled through the entire community, leaving depression and apprehension in its wake.

The Agawam School Department, the Agawam Clergy Association, and Colonial Funeral Home are joining together in an effort to assist Middle School students and the community cope with the loss of Lisa and deal with the grieving process.

Lisa worked as a teacher's aide at the Middle School for the past two years. Her students were fifth and sixth and graders of Special Education at the school.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest told us that Lila Forastiere, a grief counselor from Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam, will be on hand Monday, April 27th, when the students return from their spring vacations.

Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of Lisa's funeral arrangements.

The crisis team at Colonial Funeral Home conducted a special counseling and support program for children under 16 years-old on Wednesday, April 22nd from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and a second session for adults from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Reverend Len Cowan, pastor of St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills, has offered the services of the Agawam Clergy Association to school staff and students, according to Charest.

Charest told us that administration has also planned an assembly to be held at the Middle School on Monday morning. Project DARE Officer Donald Gallerani and Agawam Police Detective Wayne Macey, the former DARE coordinator, will address students to heighten their awareness of rules governing common sense safety.

Charest also noted that a team of counselors will be available to Agawam High School students "who want to talk" because Lisa's youngest sister is presently a senior at AHS.

### Fielding Calls During Vacation

According to Robert Farrell, Middle School assistant principal, Home/School Adjustment Counselor Richard Cowles has been fielding calls throughout vacation week.

## Clergyman Says Offering Prayers Can Help With Pain

by Reverend Len Cowan  
Pastor, St. David's Church

All of us in Agawam have been deeply shocked by the horrifying death of Lisa Ziegert. Not only has the life of a wonderful, caring person been brutally taken away, but also the life of our community has been violated by this senseless murder.

All of us, and particularly our children and youth, are left reeling with the events of the past week, and those that are unfolding with each day.

For myself, I find that I want to be able to do something:

To somehow ease the immeasurable pain suffered by Lisa's family, friends, associates, and students; to prevent this kind of violence from ever occurring again; to protect others while the killer still remains at large.

Unfortunately, there isn't a great deal that any of us can do: we are left feeling powerless, helpless, afraid.

At such a time, there is one thing we can do: we can pray.

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**We can pray for Lisa's loved ones**, that the God of all peace and comfort will comfort them with His peace which passes all understanding. We can follow up our prayers by sending that sympathy card or note, which may bring just the expression of support that is needed in this hour of need.

**We can pray for the police**, that they may be guided by the God of all justice to apprehend the person responsible for this heinous act. Rather than second-guessing their actions at this time, we can support the police in prayer, that they may effectively do their work of bringing a murderer to justice.

**We can pray for the murderer**, that God would restrain him or her from any further violence, and that God's justice and mercy would ultimately reign triumphant.

**We can pray for our community**, that the evil which has swept into our city in this act and the events following will be rooted out, and that God's love and peace will drive out all hatred and fear.

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I encourage you to continue wearing a white ribbon in these days, as a visible sign that you are a person who is committed to do your part in prayer. In so doing, together, we do something very important, and often neglected.

In this, and in all situations, "the prayer of a righteous person has great power in its effects" (James 5:16).

Let us pray.

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Farrell said that teachers are being asked to return to school for a volunteer meeting at 8:00 a.m. in Room 201 on Monday morning. "We have prepared a list of questions to help teachers talk with the students about their feelings. We will emphasize the kids' feelings, not the details of the tragedy," said Farrell.

Middle School Guidance Counselor Thomas Dacey will talk to students in the fifth grade resource room. Alan Cohen, a parttime counselor at the school, will speak with students in the sixth grade resource room. Cowles' services will also be available.

Moreover, School Psychologist Edward Lynch, added Farrell, will be on hand to offer guidance to students as needed. Farrell stated, "We will

their feelings.

**Showed Love For Kids**

Lisa Ziegert began working as a teacher's aide in 1990 at the Middle School. She also volunteered her time as a CCD instructor at Sacred Heart Church and had prepared second graders for their First Communion slated for May 2nd at the church.

She had lived in Agawam since 1974 and was a 1986 graduate of Agawam High. While at AHS she played tenor saxophone and flute in the concert band and was a drum majorette for the award-winning Marching Mohawks.

She was also involved in the AHS school newspaper, MIRROR, and wrote for the school's literary publication, UNICORN. She attained National Honor Society ranking and was a member of the school's American Intercultural Programs Club (AFS), which helped to foster better international relations and promote the foreign exchange

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This one's different—Lisa has become a part of us, and we have taken it personally.

While there is no cause for panic, there most certainly is a need for caution and concern. If there is one thing that we as your Police Department would ask, it is that you become more aware of your surroundings and the people in your area.

Take heed of your gut feelings and trust intuition. If someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable, get away from it and report it immediately.

It's nice to trust people, but unfortunately, we don't live on Walton's Mountain. I have heard a lot of talk about how this is not supposed to happen in Agawam.

The fact is, it has happened and now we deal with it. We will be pulling out all the stops, and spending all our time and efforts towards the successful completion of this case. We will, however, prevent any further oc-

## Law Officials State No Connection Between Redington Case And Ongoing Investigation

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

For the second time in a week, investigators swarmed over the Route 75 landscape cordoned off with the bright yellow banners designating a major crime scene. This second story had a happier ending.

Law enforcement officials, while saying the incident was a criminal investigation, ruled out any connection with the tragedy of 24 year-old Lisa Ziegert, who body was found on Sunday afternoon down the street.

Shortly after midnight (early Tuesday morning) an Agawam woman being followed by a man in a truck stopped to confront her pursuer. The man followed her on Route 75 just south of the Agawam town line and tried to grab her.

According to police reports, Sandra Redington, 52, of Agawam, a head nurse at Carl Robinson State Prison in Enfield, pulled her car onto the shoulder of Route 75, just short of the Agawam town line on the Suffield side.

She left her car (door slightly ajar) to confront the man following her. He attacked, she fled, leaving behind a shoe. As she ran across a cornfield, she stumbled into a barbed wire fenced and fell, striking her head against a tree, according to reports.

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ty is merely a matter of common sense.

Whenever and wherever possible, women should travel in pairs, lock car doors while traveling, and park close to lighted areas and within sight of your destination.

Stop for no one on the road, and if you are followed, go directly to the nearest police department. I haven't seen a suspect yet that will harass his victim in our parking lot.

In closing, let me just say this: this investigation has been tough on all of us—we are not so much tired as we are frustrated.

Although there are no guarantees that we will get our suspect, we promise to never stop trying. I have never seen this department so together and willing to pitch in and get the job done.

Men have reported after working their shifts and volunteered to work another. Food has been delivered to the station, and people are calling just to wish us luck in the investigation.

The Ziegerts are a wonderful family, and the guys wanted me to let them know that our thoughts, prayers, and our best efforts are with them.



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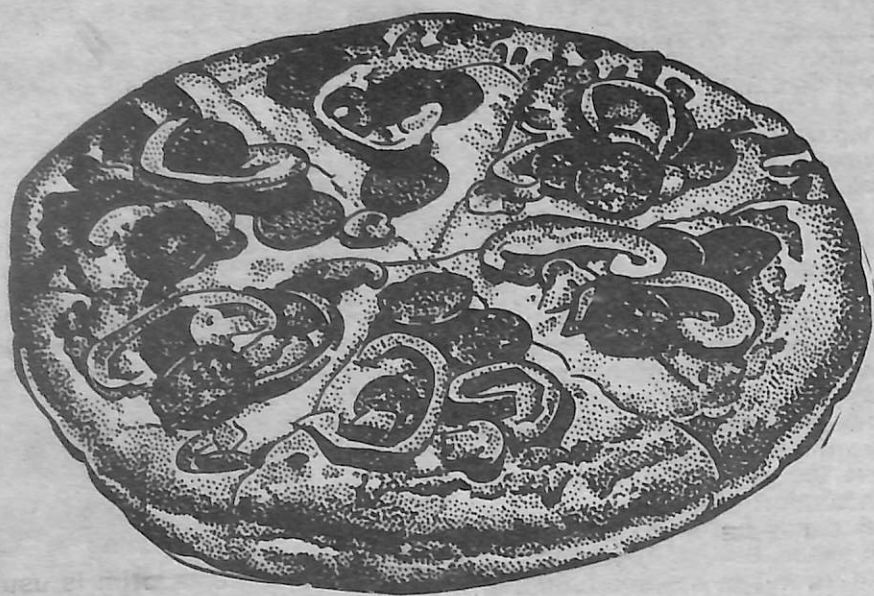


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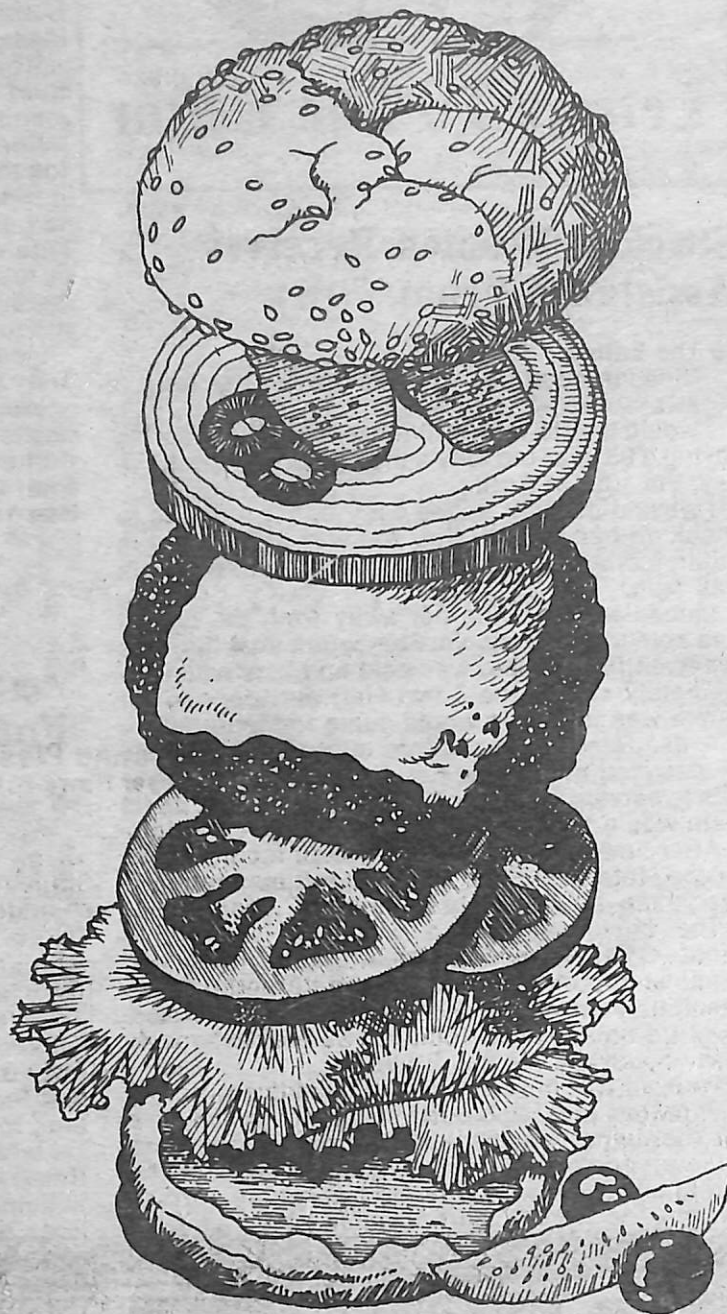
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## Letters To The Editor

### Stricken Women Receives Assistance From Town

#### To The Editor:

Those in need of help have only to ask for it in Agawam.

I would like to thank all those who had a part in saving a 93 year-old lady's life on Giffin Street, Friday, the 10th of April.

I walked into her house early in the morning to check on her, only to find she was ankle deep in water, just about to plug her toaster into the wall plug.

Immediately pulling her away from the cord, I was able to sit her down. She began shaking, was hyperventilating, and was cold and very wet. I immediately called the Town Hall and begged for help. I was told help would come immediately.

A gentleman came within minutes of my call. He assisted in calming her down, noting that she was hyperventilating and told me a medical crisis team would be called.

After having done that, he looked for a shut-off for the water. He did find it and left, assuring me everything was going to be all right.

The crisis team also was with me within minutes. They eased her breathing difficulty and administered oxygen and wanted her to go to the hospital. However, now a little better, she refused. They did not leave her until they were reasonably sure I could handle the situation.

With all the confusion, I never did get any of their names and I apologize for that. I certainly do not know what may have happened without them.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you who came to her rescue. I would certainly be remiss if I neglected to include our Agawam Police who first notified the Town Hall about this.

Gratefully  
Raeanne Florini  
Ley Street, Agawam

### Quiet City Of Agawam Now A Bit Scarier

#### To The Editor:

Once upon a time in the quiet city of Agawam, my best friend and I were watching the 6:00 news when all Hell arose! We found out one of the teachers from the Agawam Middle School was kidnapped.

Then we found out on Easter Sunday they found her ... dead. Then Tuesday (April 21st) some guy cut a woman off the road and tried to kidnap her. Then they found a woman in some muddy corn fields of Agawam. She was not dead, just hurt.

I have some questions ... why women and not men? Just why?

Now, Agawam is no longer that quiet little city, but a scary one!

By Jill Fogg & Laura Guyer  
Agawam

### Family Of Ruth Zucco Thanks Town For Support

#### To The Editor:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their many kindnesses shown to Ruth Zucco and her family during her recent illness and passing away.

This past year has been a difficult one for her. But her incredible strength and fortitude were an inspiration to all of us. Her faith in God was unflinching and her love of family and friends was touching.

She enjoyed the cards you sent her on her birthday and the friendly greetings she would often receive. She was happy when you came to see her or just called to say "hi!" Your flowers and gifts were generous and brightened her days and made her remaining time with us a happy one.

Your prayers were the greatest gift you gave. They brought much comfort to us.

We miss her very dearly but know she is in a better place now in peace; but her spirit and heritage will remain forever in our hearts and in this town she loved and called her home - Agawam.

For all who cared, we thank you.

Most Sincerely,  
The Family of Ruth Zucco

### Agawam Families Thanked For Hosting French Kids

#### To The Editor:

During the week of April 6th to 13th, 21 fantastic Agawam families of Agawam hosted a group of French students from Calais.

While the students had a very busy schedule during the week, each and every one of these wonderful families took the students not only into their homes but into their hearts.

Listening to the French students on the bus trips discussing their families was incredible. Each student related to the others their thoughts and feelings as to why their host family was the best to live with.

I would like to thank Chris & Sue Mastrolanni, Ron & Lynn Binder, Brian & Darlene Bovat, Janice Schermerhorn, Roger & Pat Roy, Ralph & Eileen Rose, Ron & Nan Gaudette, Ted & Linda Robinson, Roberta Meissner, David & Susan DiMare, Don & Cindi Beaudry, Larry & Kathy Alberti, Art & Barbara Hastings, Dick & Caroline Bassett, Richard & Linda Bryskiewicz, Gary & Janet Shannon, Tom & Mary Ann Dietschler, Chris Mangano, John & Kathy Patterson, John & Marsha Zebryk, and Jean Clifford.

Not only the parents but all of the children deserve a great thanks for giving and sharing so much. I just can't thank-you enough for all you have done and given, not only to the students but to me as well.

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I would also like to thank *The Agawam Advertiser News* and the *Springfield Union-News* for running articles telling about the Intercultural Friendships. Also, to *Ryder Bus Company* for donating a school bus to transport all of the students to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Also, to resident Carolyn Bassett for giving her time to safely drive all of the students to and from Springfield. To John Morrissey, principal of Agawam High School and to all of the teachers at AHS who so graciously made the French students feel welcome as they experienced a "typical" American school day.

Also, a special thank-you to AHS French teacher Melanie Poudrier, whose teaching

methods will be adopted in the English classes of Phillippe Del Medico. Thanks to Junior High Principal John Ferraro and to the teachers for allowing an interesting day to three of the French students.

Thank-you to residents Art & Barbara Hastings for opening your home to all of the students and families for a welcoming party. Thank-you to *Joey's Riverside Cafe* for the wonderful farewell party he and his staff gave. You were terrific.

All who took part in this exchange program are what makes Agawam the caring community it is.

Colleen D. Dupee,  
Community Coordinator  
Campbell Drive, Agawam

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of GISELE LAMOUREUX who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B-2 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of an addition at the premises identified as 37 HALL STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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# Intense Police Probe Continues On Tragedy

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

Shocked. Scared. Saddened.

Those emotions surged through our community with the discovery Easter Sunday afternoon of the body of 24-year-old Lisa Ziegert, who was abducted four days earlier from the gift shop where she worked part-time.

Ziegert, a dark-haired, wide-eyed young woman, spent her daytime hours teaching special education classes at Agawam Middle School, with more time spent teaching second grade catechism classes at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Her evenings were spent at Brittany's Card and Gift Shoppe on Walnut Street Extension, the business hub of Agawam.

It was there that sometime after 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15th, that Miss Ziegert was abducted, leaving her shop unattended, unlocked, and with the lights on. Her handbag and shoes were tucked away. Her car stayed in the parking lot overnight.

It was only when she failed to report to the Middle School on Thursday morning—and when the store owners found their shop left unlocked and lit when they arrived that morning—that the reality of her disappearance was noted.

## Four Day Search

Agawam police were joined by state police, the FBI and other agencies in a massive search that lasted four days and left family and friends bewildered and afraid. Foul weather, especially with snowfall last Thursday, April 16th, hampered the search.

## White Ribbons Of Hope

At Sacred Heart Church as well as other churches in the community, just hours before the grim discovery, white ribbons of hope were distributed

to the hundreds of parishioners praying for her safe return.

The Reverend Curt Fuller of the Agawam Congregational Church organized the townwide effort through the Agawam Clergy Association.

Shortly after noon, an Agawam man walking his dog near a swampy, wooded area off Route 75 spotted the body of a young woman: Lisa Ziegert.

By 2:00 p.m. the area was cordoned off, with police and forensic teams scouring the area for evidence. Grim-faced investigators spent more than 15 hours at the scene, continuing the search under floodlights, removing the victim's body well after midnight, and leaving the scene for a short time around 5:00 a.m.

In an abbreviated press conference on the front lawn of the Agawam Police Headquarters on Monday morning, Detective Lieutenant Robert Campbell referred all questions to the district attorney's office in Springfield. DA William Bennett and local law enforcement officials have closed ranks on releasing information on the case during this torrid investigation.

As police continue their search for the killer, a surge of "incidents" brushed off as odd but unimportant have been resurrected; complaints of women being followed; of attempted abductions; and other "unsettling" incidents are flooding area police stations.

Local police are working "around the clock" to resolve this case, Campbell said, adding that 15 detectives are assigned specifically to this case.

The Middle School staff is preparing to counsel students when school opens Monday after the spring recess, with staff and students alike dealing with their loss.

## Prepared For First Communion

This young woman, whose love of life and delight in the children she taught was so radiant, was loved by the people whose lives she touched.

Her class of second graders, well-prepared through her teachings for their First Communion, may walk to the altar on May 2nd thinking of her not as their teacher, but perhaps now as their guardian angel.

Miss Ziegert resided at Belden Court on Silver Street.

Town Council Monday night approved some \$35,000 in additional police overtime, sponsored by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

Johnson, who serves as police commissioner, said police will increase the night patrols on the second and third shifts by adding two patrol cars to each shift.

There has been some criticism of police for failing to investigate why the lights in the gift store were on all night. One officer did notice the lights on but was called away to transport a prisoner from York Street Jail in Springfield.

Services for Lisa Ziegert were at presstime with Colonial Funeral Home on Main Street handling the arrangements. Huge throngs of residents were expected to attend both Wednesday's wake and the Thursday morning funeral service at Sacred Heart Church, followed by burial at Springfield Street Cemetery, directly across the street.

**The Agawam Police have established a hotline on this case. Anyone with any information should contact 789-9162.**

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It was nearly 4:00 a.m. when police stopped to investigate the apparently abandoned car, at first thinking it might be connected with the murder of Lisa Ziegert.

As local and state police, along with FBI and officers called in from Agawam, scoured the area, members of the Connecticut State Police crime lab spotted Redington's body lying in the field.

She was treated by paramedics and transported to Hartford Hospital, where she was treated for hypothermia and assorted cuts and bruises apparently sustained during her escape across the field.

"We are treating this as a major crime," said Connecticut State Attorney John Bailey, who with Suffield Police Chief Murray Phelps, addressed the media Tuesday morning about the case.

Though Redington was initially somewhat delirious and unable to tell police what had happened, her story unfolded over the course of the day, and she is expected to provide officials with a composite drawing of the man who attacked her.

For residents in the Agawam/Suffield area, the two cases have triggered a backlash of fear and a strong emphasis on personal safety.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOANNE WILLIS

## Council Selects Willis As New President

Second term Town Councilor Joanne Willis, with little fanfare, became the surprise choice of Agawam Town Council Monday night as the council's new president.

Following the letter of resignation read by former council President Jessie D. Fuller, Mrs. Willis was nominated by last year's council president, Edward A. Caba.

Mrs. Fuller, in her letter, said she was stepping down for the good of the council and denied any wrongs in the flap over the absence of a letter she was accused of removing from the council's weekly information packet.

Following last week's stormy council meeting, it was reported that new Councilor Walter A. Balboni, a veteran of 24 years service on the School Committee, would replace Mrs. Fuller at the council helm.

Balboni, however, said he would reluctantly accept the position if no one else came forward. Balboni refused the nomination Tuesday night. New Councilor James Taylor was also nominated for the position but lost in a 7-3 vote.

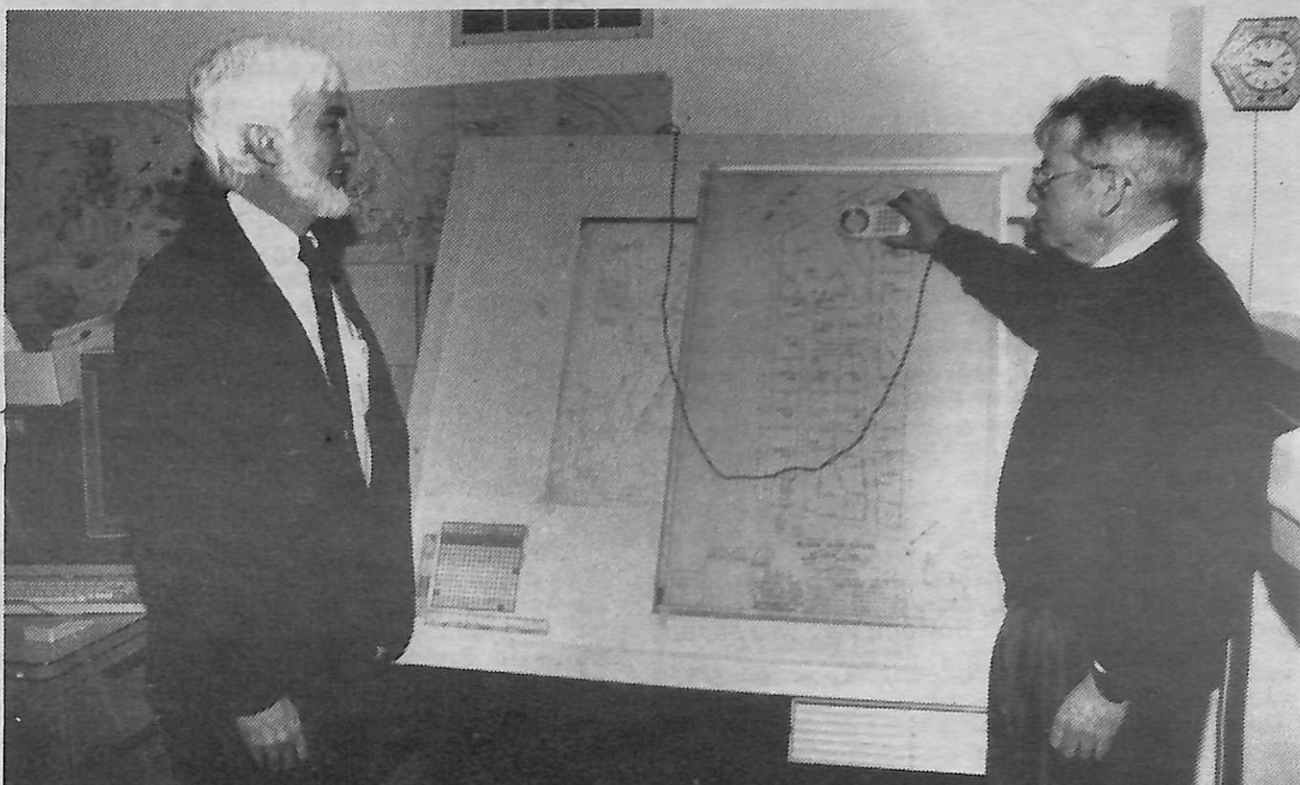
There was no discussion by councilors before the vote was taken.

Supporting Mrs. Willis were Councilors Gary Suffriti, Louis Russo, Thomas Ennis, Jr., Nancy Gravel, Balboni, Caba, and Mrs. Willis.

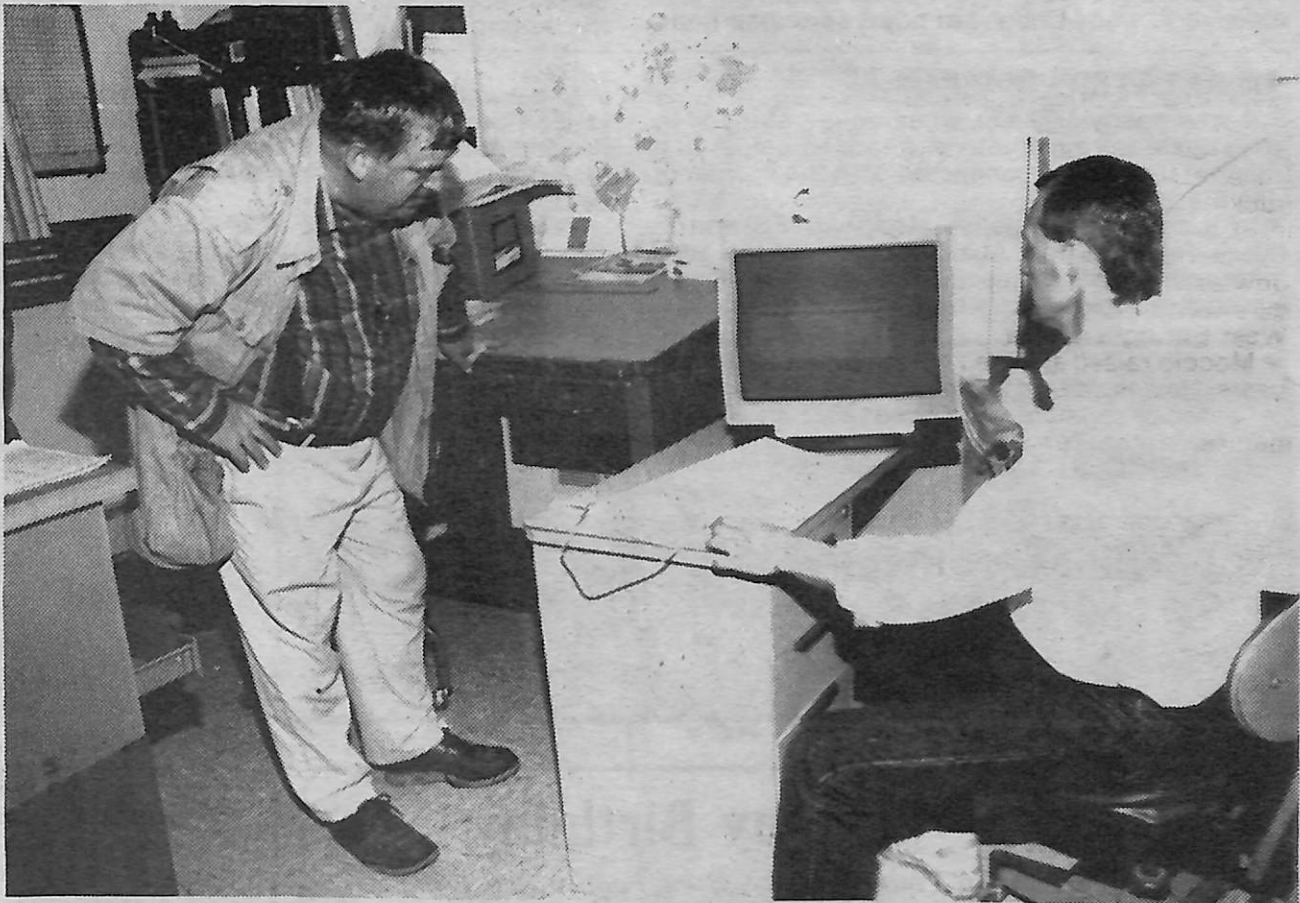
Supporting Taylor were Councilors George Bitzas, Mrs. Fuller, and Taylor.

Following the vote, the record was changed to show Mrs. Willis' election was a unanimous one.

## New UltiMap Info System Purchased By Town



THE TOWN OF AGAWAM has purchased an UltiMap Geographic Information System recently after a recommendation was made to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson by an evaluation committee that included DPW Superintendent John P. Stone (top photo). According to Stone, the UltiMap System provides several unique features, including a seamless, continuous digital map and the ability to connect the system dynamically to the town's existing assessment database through UltiMap's Live-Link data server. Stone said this system was chosen as the most advantageous to the community and will help manage the town's water distribution system, and will benefit other departments, including Planning Dept., Police, and Fire. Stone is pictured discussing the system with James Daley; IN PHOTO BELOW, James Kolakoski and Joseph Rauchle discuss some information on the computer's screen. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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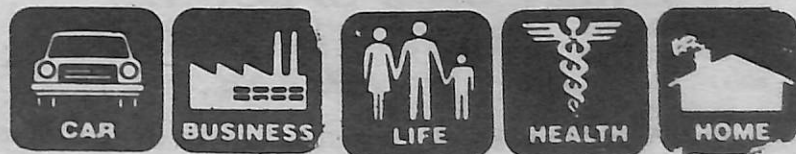
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## Agawam Obituaries

### Erwin J. Soper

Erwin J. Soper Jr., 72, of 56 Hall Street, Feeding Hills, a 53-year iron worker, died last Sunday at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at the former Haarmann Steel Co. in Chicopee, and retired in 1973.

A lifelong resident of Feeding Hills, he was graduated from Agawam High School. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the 82nd Airborne ("All-American") Division, which fought in Sicily, Normandy, and Holland.

Soper was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church, and belonged to Iron Workers Union Local 357 and the 82nd Airborne Association. He had also led the Explorer Scout Post in Agawam.

His wife, the former Lois A. Fournier, died in 1971.

He leaves a son, Erwin J. III of Southwick; a daughter, Deirdre V. Lydick of Feeding Hills; a brother, Merle of Peach Bottom, Pa.; two sisters, Elaine Roberts of Feeding Hills and Ruth Deutsch of New Britain, CT, and two grandchildren.

A private graveside service was conducted Thursday, April 23rd. On the same day, a memorial service was conducted in the morning in the church, and Healey-Pease Funeral Home of Westfield was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 522 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

### Benjamin Moccio

Benjamin Moccio, 81, of 1211 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired businessman and expert horseman, died this past Monday at home.

He started a business under the name of Ben Moccio Excavating Co. in 1927. After his sons joined the business, the name was changed to Ben Moccio & Sons Excavating Co.

He retired in 1975, leaving his excavating and trucking company, now known as Moccio Trucking Co.

The business helped to construct the former Bowles Airport in Agawam, and the flood-control dike that runs along the Connecticut River in the West Springfield area.

Moccio raised and bred horses for more than 50 years. He specialized in the Hackney breed, which he entered in many horse shows. He was a member of the New England Hackney Society.

Born in Springfield, he moved to this town in 1912. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He belonged to the Polish Club of Feeding Hills, the Mawaga Club, and the Italian Sportsmen's Club, and was a former member of the Agawam Lions Club.

He leaves his wife of 56 years, the former Bertha A. Goszkowicz; two sons, Vincent "Jack" of Southwick and Robert of Feeding Hills; a brother, Alphonse of Agawam; a sister, Josephine Yacovone-Oblers of Agawam; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

### Madeline L. Carroll

Madeline L. Carroll, 42, of 97 Elm Street, Westfield, a sales representative for F.L. Roberts Co., died Friday, April 17th, at home.

She worked previously in the Agawam Department of Public Works.

Born in Springfield, she was graduated from Agawam High School in 1967, and attended Holyoke Community College and Westfield State College.

She lived in Westfield since 1987, and worshipped at Grace Church of Christ in Springfield.

She leaves her mother, Jane (Boltrucky) Carroll of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Ronald L. of West Springfield and Wayne R. of Milpitas, California; a sister, Diane J. Alvigini of Gill, MA; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held this past Monday morning in the church, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Audubon Society, Laughing Brook Education Center, 789 Main Street, Hampden, MA, 01036.

### Lisa M. Ziegert

The funeral for Lisa Marie Ziegert, 24, of V 3 Beldon Court, Agawam, was conducted on Thursday morning, April 23rd, at Colonial Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery.

She was found dead last Sunday in Agawam. Born in Holyoke, Ziegert lived in Agawam from 1974. She was graduated from Agawam High School in 1986.

She received a degree in elementary education from Westfield State College in 1990.

Ziegert was a teacher's aide in the special education department at Agawam Middle School, and was a clerk at the Brittany Card & Gift Shop in Agawam. She also worked at the Perry Lane Camp for four summers.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes there.

While in high school, she played tenor saxophone and flute in the concert band. She had also been a drum majorette for the school's marching band for two years. She worked for the school newspaper and literary magazine, Unicorn.

She was a member of the National Honor Society and the American Field Service.

She leaves her parents, George and Diane "Dee" (Goudreau) Ziegert of Agawam; a brother, David G. of Los Angeles; two sisters, Lynne A. and Sharon L. Ziegert of Agawam; her grandparents, Edwin O. and Bertha (Beaulieu) Ziegert of West Springfield, and Charles A. Goodreau of West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Fund, in care of Jack Patterson at Heritage Bank, 1325 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

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## Sheriff Ashe Kicks-Off Election Campaign With Reception In Agawam At Chez Josef

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. has announced his candidacy for re-election to a fourth term as Sheriff of Hampden County.

Sheriff Ashe is a past president of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association, elected by his fellow Sheriffs from throughout the state.

### Received President's Award

In 1990, the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association awarded Sheriff Ashe the annual President's Award in recognition of his "courageous actions on behalf of the citizens of Hampden County in dealing with the problems of severe overcrowding and its potential threat to public safety."

In 1990, the Correctional Association of Massachusetts awarded Sheriff Ashe the Howard B. Gill Lifetime Achievement Award in acknowledgement of his "outstanding commitment to the field of public safety."

In offering himself for re-election, Sheriff Ashe said, "I announce my candidacy for re-election fully confident that I have the same dogged determination, the same relish for the task, the same excitement about our future and the same faith in the good sense of the people as I did when I first ran for Sheriff."

"In my service as Sheriff, I have believed in, worked hard for, and, I humbly trust, achieved a sensible, balanced, progressive, realistic correctional operation that serves the communities of our region."

### Received Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree

"I was honored, during this past term, to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from an area college. Myself and my family were honored to receive this. But, the degree that I still value the

most, the degree that I always strive to maintain, is a Doctorate of Common Sense.

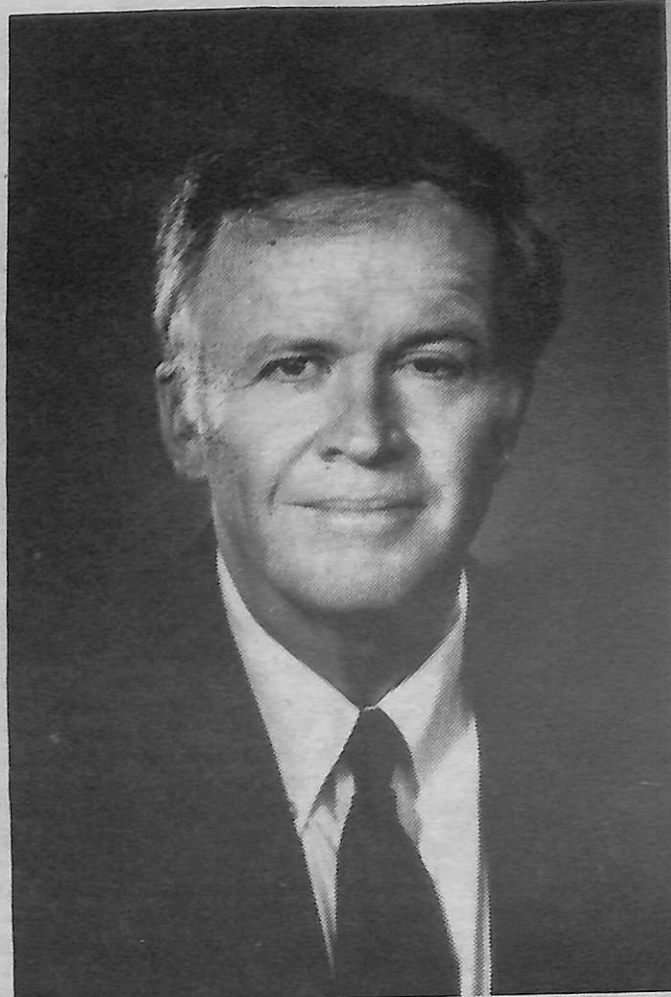
"I have never been interested in administering a 'hotel' or a 'country club,' but neither have I been interested in managing a cesspool that breeds only hate and crime. I've believed in being strong but decent, firm but fair, and I've been determined to live by those beliefs."

And while I'm talking about strength and determination, let me say that I'm proud that this department had the guts and the vision to be the first department in the nation to utilize a National Guard Armory for desperately needed correctional space and that our action received the overwhelming support of the people of our county.

"The backbone and heart that we called upon to take over the National Guard Armory resulted in a lessening of the number of court-ordered early releases of prisoners and an enhancement of the public safety of the people of this county—and those results were worth the risk. Faced with the same threat to the safety of our citizens, I'd do it all over again."

"I have determined to offer myself for re-election, excited at the possibilities of our new facility, dedicated to a progressive, realistic, productive and professional continuance of our mission, and ever stronger in the belief that a public servant's greatest service is to respect, enhance and serve the best that is in the heart, and the mind and the spirit of each citizen."

Sheriff Ashe holds a Bachelor's Degree from St. Anslem's College and a Master's Degree from Boston College. He and his wife Barbara reside in Springfield and are the parents of six children.



SHERIFF MICHAEL J. ASHE, JR.

## Conservation Comm. Joins Celebration Of Earth Day '92

The Agawam Conservation Commission will join the Connecticut River Watershed Council in celebrating Earth Day on April 25th at Pyncheon Point.

Pyncheon Point, located on River Road just north of the South End Bridge, was donated to the Town to be maintained as Conservation land in 1977.

On April 25th, the Watershed Council and the Conservation Commission will conduct a clean-up of the conservation property from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., to be followed at 11:00 a.m. by presentations and nature walks.

Pyncheon Point was chosen by the Connecticut River Watershed Council as the site of one of its Earth Day events in order to bring attention to their Land Conservancy, which seeks to protect and preserve critical land resources along the corridor of the Connecticut River.

Two Springfield College biology professors, Charles Redington and Robert Barkman, and also Terry Blunt of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, will be on hand to discuss the ecology of the site.

The Commission invites the public to participate in both the clean-up and the nature presentations. For additional information, please call the Conservation Commission's office at 786-0400, extension 246.



HAMPDEN COUNTY SHERIFF MICHAEL J. ASHE, JR., (left) receives support from Hampden County District Attorney William Bennett at the Ashe Campaign Kick-Off at Chez Josef last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Employees should know how to use fire extinguishers, which should be stored near all work areas. Additionally, work areas should be kept free of trash and other combustibles that could easily become fuel for a fire.

## Careless Smoking Habits Can Add Up To A Tragic Fire

Careless smoking accounts for about 1,500 fire deaths each year. The Agawam Fire Department recommends that you take precautions to avoid a cigarette fire by checking furniture before going to bed.

A cigarette can smolder for 20 to 30 minutes before it ignites. Install extra smoke detectors in areas which smokers spend time in.

And, never smoke in bed or while reclining in furniture, and be careful while smoking.

## Council Pres. Willis Slates Office Hours

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold her monthly office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, on Friday, April 24th, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Willis will be available to listen to constituent concerns. All residents are invited to attend.

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On April 12th, John R. Hrapek II was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Keith Bopko.

On April 12th, James McNells, 86 Riverview Terrace, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso and Mark Poggi.

On April 13th, Joseph Cetnarowski, 101 Mulberry Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Ronald Brown and Paul Murphy.

On April 14th, Joseph Batan, 27 Grant Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Pfau.

On April 15th, Harold Hebert, 1023 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with outstanding Agawam Police Department and Belchertown Police Department warrants. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Richard Light, Jr.

On April 16th, Scott Ayotte, 108 Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving after suspension. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan and Ronald Brown.

On April 16th, Troy Jones, 23 Beech Hill Road, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Edward Connor.

On April 16th, Lewis Sears, 23 Suffield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Mark Poggi, and Richard Light, Jr.

On April 18th, Charles Garabedian, 92 Sexton Street, New Britain, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Jim Donovan.

On April 18th, Kevin J. Pasternak, 51 Bliss Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Jim Donovan.

On April 18th, Joseph Rego, 36 Sylvan Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Letellier and members of the Springfield Police Department.

On April 18th, James Wolf, 21 Salli Street, Ludlow, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Detective Walter Letellier, Detective Anthony Malone, and Detective Peter Bertera.

On April 18th, Tracy Dutton, 21 Salli Street, Ludlow, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Detective Dan Ciak.

On April 18th, William McQuade, 15 Guy Place, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Richard Light, Jr.

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### Golden Agers Chapter I Holds Annual Banquet



**PASSING THE GAVEL** at the Golden Agers Club's (Chapter I) Annual Banquet are Edward Organek (left) and Flory Scorzafava. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Andrea Balboni In Italy For Easter

Andrea Balboni celebrated Easter Sunday in Italy, where she is currently touring the country. Following the spring holiday, she will return to classes at West Springfield High School.

Andrea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Balboni of 32 Sherwood Avenue, West Springfield, and granddaughter of the late Carlo Balboni and Mrs. Balboni of Agawam.

## Prayer & Song At Dominican Nuns

A Paschal Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, April 26th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.



**AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS** are all smiles at the Annual Banquet on April 8th at Storrown Carriage House. Standing - Dolores Gatti. Seated - Eva DeGrandpre, Kay Aldrich, and Jane Montagna. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CHAPTER I** officers at the Annual Banquet on April 8th at Storrown Carriage House. Back row - Flory Scorzafava, Madelyn Gibson, Odette Benjamin, and Cliff Gibson. Seated - Frank Gatti, Evelyn O'Melia, Olive Scorzafava, and Frances Fagnani. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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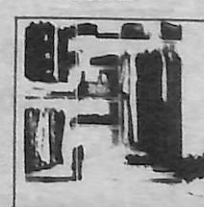


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The group grew, as did their range of interests. They took the name of "Goodwives" representing their goal of studying the everyday lives of their 17th century counterparts.

It did not take long to discover that their subject was diverse, challenging and far from dull. Group members have shared their learning through a column in the Society newsletter and at various public events, including a number of "Living History" presentations in 1991.

The workshop, planned for May 1st, will take the form of a "Round Robin" workshop. Following a brief introduction, participants will have the opportunity to try out three different areas of women's activities, which the "Goodwives" would like to share.

Lynne White will share her wool processing skills, including carding, spinning, etc., while Sherri Descoteaux will share her knowledge of 17th century Calligraphy and June Cook will introduce information on the planning and planting of a 17th century garden.

In each session, "students" may get involved in doing and acquire beginner skills related to each activity. Other Society members will also be present to chat with visitors who wish to know more about life in the 17th century, i.e.: Blacksmithing, Cooking and more.

The full program workshop will be free to Society members in good standing and \$7.50 for non-members. Early registration is advised. Call June Cook at 736-6822 for registrations or questions. Deadline is April 27th or when limit is reached.

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**AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION** members Jay O'Sullivan (left), George M. Brown (commander), and Glenn F. Seymour present Mark E. McCormick, chairman of the Veterans Council, with a donation to be put towards the construction costs of the new gazebo on the Veteran's Green on Main Street. Looking on are Veterans Council members Edward A. Kellogg and Tom Acquaro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## American Legion Donates To Vets' Gazebo

On Saturday, April 4th, the Agawam Veterans Council was at the American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street to receive a \$500 donation from Post Commander George Brown towards the construction of the Agawam Veterans Memorial Community Gazebo.

The gazebo will be constructed on the Veterans' Green on Maine Street. Requests have been made to civic organizations and businesses in Agawam to support the Agawam Gazebo Building Fund. The goal is \$8,000 for completion. If your group or organization has not made a

donation, donations may be made to the Agawam Gazebo Building Fund, care of Veterans Services Office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam. Contributions of \$100 and over will be recognized on a plaque to be placed on the gazebo.

While the target completion of Memorial Day may be out of reach, the Veterans council hopes that the \$8,000 goal can be attained (with the consideration of the people and organizations of Agawam so this summer the gazebo may be put to the use of the community.

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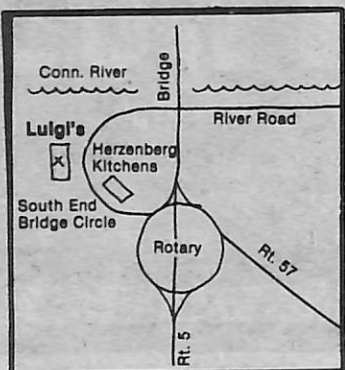
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## Remembrance Service At Colonial Funeral

The Colonial, Southwick and Forastiere Funeral Homes will be conducting a Service of Remembrance on Sunday, May 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam.

This special program is being designed by Grief Counselor, Lila Forastiere and will be conducted by members of the funeral home staff.

Lila has found that many people who are grieving the death of a love one find comfort in "memorializing," that is, in remembering in a conscious and meaningful way. "Although the loved one is ever-present in our minds and hearts, the doing something specifically 'in memory of' adds a special dimension to our grief work and often brings a sense of peace," Forastiere states.

Each person has his/her own way of memorializing. One might do volunteer work for those who are suffering from a similar illness from which the loved one died.

One might offer a Mass. One might plant a tree in the loved one's name. One might make a contribution to a charity or a scholarship fund...There is no one "correct" way to memorialize. Each person needs to do what is right for him or her.

However, individual memorializing, although it does bring a sense of peace, oftentimes rein-

forces the feelings of isolation...that "I am alone in my grief." When we are with others who are also hurting, we often find solace.

Lila states, "Because the staff at our funeral homes recognize the pain of the families left behind, and because we are always working to meet the needs of the communities we serve, we offer this new dimension to our 'Caring Programs.' It is offered not only to the families who have been in our care, but to anyone in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one."

This important program provides an opportunity to come together with others who are walking the same path, which many find to be a healing experience, as "grief shared, is grief diminished." It is a time of music, poetry, meaningful ceremony, and the sharing of love for those who have died.

To make the program the most comforting, the Forastieres encourage those wishing to participate to bring family members and friends with them.

To be a part of the Service of Remembrance, pre-register by April 27th, in order that the funeral home might adequately prepare for this special time together. To register, call the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes at 733-5311.

## Ziti Supper Planned By Community Grange

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will sponsor a Ziti and Meatball Supper on Monday, May 4th with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Included in the menu will be ziti, meatballs, garden salad, bread/butter, coffee, tea, milk and homemade desserts.

The price per person is \$6 and children under 12 will be \$3. Reservations can be made with Elise Bradway, 786-1409 or with Evelyn Cordi at 786-0821.

The public is invited to attend.

## Family Spring Dance At St. John's Church

The Family Life/Community Life Commission of St. John the Evangelist Church, 835 Main Street, Agawam is sponsoring A Family Affair Spring Dance on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Entertainment will be provided by "The Flamingo Express" Band, with songs from the 40's, 50's and 60's.

The cost is \$7 per person with proceeds to benefit St. John's Youth Group.

For more information, contact St. John the Evangelist Rectory at 786-8105.

## Senior Center Slates April Programs

The Agawam Senior Center will sponsor a seminar series entitled "How To Enjoy Talking About Money," starting on Tuesday, April 28th, at 1:00 p.m., to be held at the Senior Center on Wright Street.

Howard E. Singer & Michael A. Portito of Singer Portito Associates, will discuss variables that should be understood for managing retirement income.

Other topics include how the financial industry works, who to deal with and when, and what questions to ask your banker, attorney, financial planner, insurance agent, and stockbroker.

The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, call Sandra Smith at the Agawam Senior Center, 786-0400.

*For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.*

## Knitting Guild To Meet At Yarn Shop In Feeding Hills

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Yarn Shop, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome. For further information, contact Frieda, 567-6387, or Judy, 567-5380.

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KAREN L. ARNOLD & MATTHEW BOGACZ

## Karen L. Arnold Engaged To Wed

An announcement has been made of the engagement of Matthew M. Bogacz and Karen L. Arnold.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ziembinski of Southwick. Matthew is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High, and he is employed by Baystate Heating and Air Conditioning as a HVAC technician.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Kathy Arnold of Agawam. A 1988 graduate of Agawam High, Karen will graduate from Elms College in May with a degree in nursing, and is currently employed by Baystate Medical Center.

The couple has set the wedding for May of 1994, and they plan to reside in Agawam.

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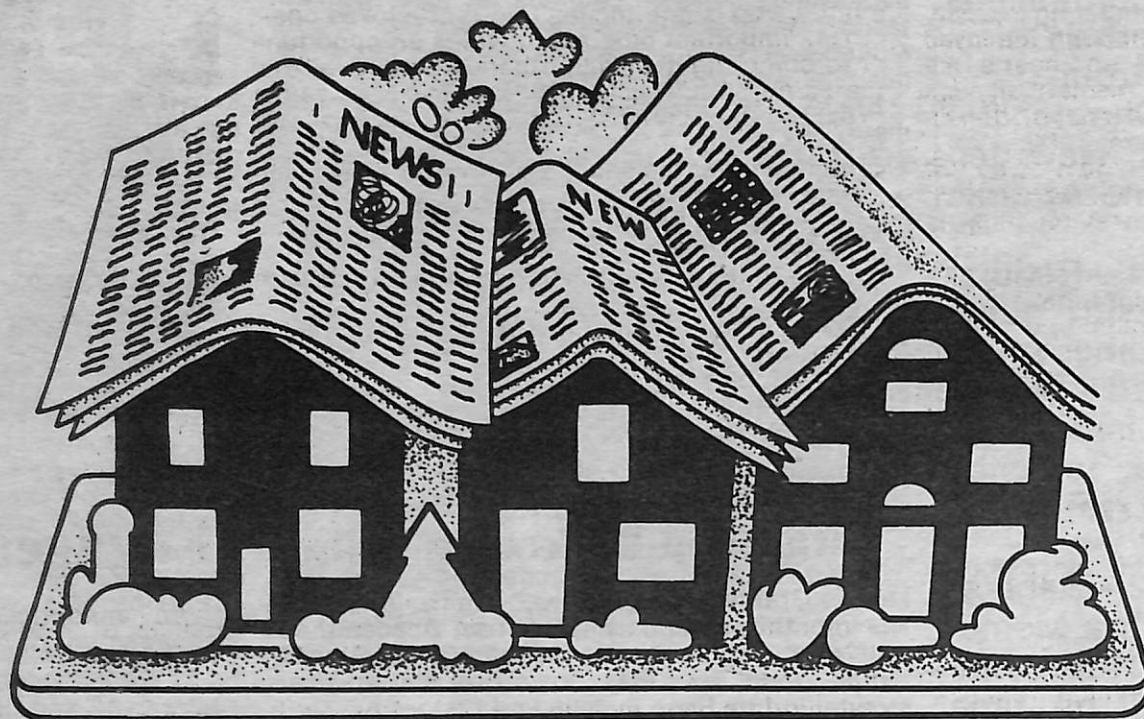
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## Agawam's Golden Age Calendar For May

**May 1st:** Chapter 1—Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**May 6th:** Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest Jane Oleskiewicz, an accordion player who's a member of the Chicopee Senior Performing Group.

**May 11th thru 15th:** Chapter 2—Trip to Wildwood Crest, New Jersey, "Old Cape May," and Atlantic City.

**May 13th:** Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Mr. Donald E. Ashe, who'll talk about the Homestead Act.

**May 17th thru 20th:** Chapter 1—Trip to Ottawa, Canada, to enjoy the Tulip Festival, then on to the Thousand Islands.

**May 20th:** Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a Memorial Service for all departed members. Guest organist will be Jane Denincourt. Also, the presentation of scholarships to two Agawam Seniors.

**May 26th:** Chapter 1—Trip to "Villa Baglieri" in the Catskills for the Italian Festival.

**May 27th:** Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a Memorial Service for all departed members. Guest organist will be Joanne Beltrandi.

**May 29th:** Chapter 2—Dinner Board Meeting.

## Agawam Founders/Nostalgia Day Planned For Heritage Hall Grounds May 8th & 9th

The Fifth Annual Founders Nostalgia Day is fast approaching.

This year's event is to be bigger and better than ever! Founders Nostalgia Day will be taking place on the grounds of Heritage Hall Nursing, Rehabilitation and Retirement Centers, off Main Street in Agawam, May 8th and 9th.

### Parade, Magic, Food and Fun

Activities Begin at 5:00 p.m. with a campus parade and will then continue on with two fantastic performances by "The Crescents." David Mullen, with his magic and illusion, will be performing, as well as the "West Side Tappers."

Kiddie rides, games, as well as food and much more, will be going on for the two days, so come with your family to enjoy the festivities.

Saturday morning will kick off with a 5-mile road race at 8:30 a.m. and a 2-mile walk-a-thon at 9:00 a.m. to benefit the American Heart Association.

The race has attracted many runners from Massachusetts and Connecticut in previous years. The entry fees for the race are \$8 pre-entry and \$9 the day of the event. T-Shirts commemorating the event will be given to early entrants and cash prizes are to be awarded to top male, female and wheelchair entrants.

The gates will open again at 11:00 a.m. and Nostalgia Day will continue on for the entire afternoon and into the night.

### Entertainment Includes Area Groups

Entertainment will include Mary Jo The Minstrel, The Melody Boys, Jimmy And The Nurses, Accordion playing by Tom Biladeau, as well as Swingles Square Dancers, Ann Marie's Dance Troop, Four Play, Down Five and musical storytelling by Eshu Bupus and Co.

The afternoon can also be spent browsing through the many craft vendors who will be displaying their fine, hand-crafted items, and other area vendors, including sports card dealers.

## Shriners' Parade Set For Memorial Avenue

Thursday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m., the Shriner's will be marching from the Century Shopping Center in West Springfield, along Memorial Avenue, to the Big "E" Coliseum.

This will be an old fashioned Circus Parade, with the added spice of the Shriner's and all of their parade expertise. The Parade will be followed by the Grand Entry of the Shriner's into the Coliseum at Circus time.

Thursday is opening night for the Shrine Circus. Channel 40 and Dairy Mart are participating in the festivities and tickets are discounted \$2 each for the evening.

The Shrine Circus Box Office is open for business at the Big "E" Coliseum, now through the end of the Circus.

For more information, call Melha Temple at 733-0126.

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Attractions for the children will be exciting this year with kiddie rides, games, pony rides and Binky and Goodie the clowns.

The day will close with a big bang from a thrilling fireworks display promptly at 8:45 p.m.

Families are more than welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the non-stop entertainment and fireworks display on the grounds of Heritage Hall.

### Health Screenings Available

A "Health Tent" with free blood pressure screenings and cholesterol testing will be done for a price of \$5. The veni puncture will be used for the cholesterol screenings for more accurate readings. Results of the testing will be sent home to the participant. The Health Tent will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Gold Cane will also be presented to the oldest resident of Agawam at 3:00 p.m., along with the presentation of the poster contest winners.

All events are being held in conjunction with the founding of the Town of Agawam in 1855, and the beginning of National Nursing Home Week.

Genesis Health Ventures, owners of Heritage Hall and sponsors of the event, are committed to maintaining residents of the facilities as active members of the community. Residents and employees of Heritage Hall have been very actively involved in all planning for the weekend of events.

Parking this year will be available on the grounds of Heritage Hall for a fee of \$3 per carload. Admissions to the grounds this year will be \$1 for individuals not parking on the campus. Children 12 and under are free. All proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association and Friends of the Agawam Senior Center.

More information is available by calling Heritage Hall at 786-8000.

## Earth Day At Zoo Planned At Forest Park

Mother Earth and her animals can be found at the springtime celebration "EARTH DAY AT THE ZOO" in Forest Park.

Everyone is invited to join in on Sunday April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Zoo tours, Zoo Train rides, sing-a-longs, facepainting and refreshments.

A special guest appearance from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Larry King, Master Gardener for over 40 years. King will facilitate a **Hands-On Planting Lesson** using seeds and bulbs. Children will learn how to plant and be able to take their new plant home!

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## Lions Donate \$1,000 To Ag. Counseling Ctr.



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Agawam Counseling Centr. The center is a private, non-profit mental health clinic in Feeding Hills Center licensed by the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. The donation will benefit the building fund for four new offices, including play and group activity rooms for the kids. Participating in the check presentation are, from left - Roger Jones, Lions VP; Linda Reis, clinic director; John Negruci, Lions president; and Joe Guy, treasurer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Benefit Tag Sale At F.H. Congregational

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship of America will have a Tag Sale on Saturday, April 25th, between 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills Center.

Operation Friendship is a non-profit organization founded to promote cultural exchange between American and European teenagers.

Last year, the Feeding Hills Chapter hosted 15 youths from Scotland.

This summer, nine Feeding Hills members will be traveling to Europe. Each member has chosen a country they would like to visit from the following participating countries - England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Holland, Sweden, and Germany.

The proceeds of the Tag Sale will go towards travel expenses of the European-bound teens.

## Roast Beef Dinner For Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship is holding a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, April 25th, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Continuous serving will be between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The menu consists of roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, juice, coffee, and dessert.

Adults will be charged \$6.75 and kids are \$3.50; children under five years-old eat free.

For reservations, please call 786-0195; Roxanne Zern, 786-1679; or Wess Mueller, 789-1757.

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## Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, April 27th:** Salisbury steak, potatoes au gratin, spinach souffle, pumpernickel bread, fresh fruit.

**Tuesday, April 28th:** Vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, tossed salad, pumpernickel bread, peaches.

**Wednesday, April 29th:** Baked chicken, sweet potato, corn, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

**Thursday, April 30th:** French meat pie, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, cookie.

**Friday, May 1st:** Baked fish, rice pilaf, carrot coins, rye bread, tapioca pudding.

## Adoration Society At Sacred Heart May 1st

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will gather in Sacred Heart Church, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, on Friday, May 1st, from 9:00 p.m. thru 6:00 a.m., Saturday, May 2nd.

Father David J. Joyce, Pastor, opens the event with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Assisting Father Joyce are Thomas P. Murray, chairman of Sacred Heart membership, and James Conroy, group leader.

Members recite both evening and morning prayers, both private and public, closing with Benediction.

Membership is open to all who are most anxious to bring a new and voluntary spiritual dimension into their lives, and to provide a human response to Christ's very human plea for comfort and support in the night of His agony in Gethsemane: "Watch with me."

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Prayer.

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## Junior Women's Club Accomplish Much From 1977-1982

As we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, we are looking back at some of the contributions the club has made to the town of Agawam over the years.

This is the sixth in a series of articles recognizing how much the Juniors have served our community.

### The years: 1977-1982

During the period 1977-1982, the Juniors continued with their tradition of community service. The Club continued to support ongoing projects including: the Agawam Clearinghouse (holiday baskets for needy families), the annual safety bus tour with the Safety Bug for first-time bus riders, and scholarships for graduating seniors.

In addition, Juniors provided volunteer help to the Channel 57 Auction, a Local Candidates Night, the town library, Laughing Brook, United Way and the School Committee.

Towards cultural improvement, club members worked on the formation of a town Arts Council and supported StageWest and Agawam Repertory Theatre.

The Club also received the Litter Olympics Bronze Medal for clearing town property, and filled and delivered Easter baskets for several years to Our Lady of Providence Children's Center and Halloween baskets for the Children's Study Home.

The Club donated nature-related literature to the library, used books to the Senior Center, paperback books to the library, and two sets of filmstrips requested by Special Services to be used in the elementary schools.

In 1979, a Bowl-a-thon (which was a joint effort with the Agawam Rotary Club) raised \$1,500 for the Agawam Emergency Fuel Fund. In the same year, the Juniors began a long-term project, which lasted several years, to organize volunteers to assist a local family in patterning exercises which were necessary to rehabilitate their son, a near drowning victim.

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Another of the Club's long-term traditions began in 1977 with the first Arts & Crafts Festival. This project has continued through the present, with all proceeds benefitting scholarships for graduating seniors.

Last year, the 1991 Arts & Crafts Festival raised about \$4,600 which will be given to this year's graduates. The tradition continues with the 1992 Arts & Crafts Festival, to be held June 13th and 14th on the grounds of the Agawam High School.

These are just some of the ways in which the Junior Women's Club contributed to our community during these years. As in the past and through the present, the Club has also provided support for the larger community on a national and international level.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

The club welcomes new members interested in making new friends while serving the community.

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## The Power Of The Gospel

by David Lanquist, Pastor  
Faith Bible Church, Agawam

We are a power-conscious people.

Businessmen meet for "power lunches." Politicians strive to gain ever-increasing legislative power. Individuals with common causes group together to wield more clout. The military spends billions to develop and deploy weaponry.

But there has never been—and will never be—anything that rivals the awesome power of the Gospel.

The Gospel has power to deliver from death. Because Christ paid the penalty of sin—which is death—and emerged from the tomb, the Gospel is the only power that can liberate mankind from the horror of eternal, spiritual death.

The Gospel alone can transfer a man from the domain of death and darkness into the kingdom


of life and light (Colossians 1:13).

It has the power to liberate from sin's bondage. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, the power of the Gospel transforms our behavior, unchaining us from the grip of habits and passions. We are free to obey a new Master.

The Gospel also has the power to radically alter

every relationship. Rather than striving for self-dominance or self-protection, the Gospel empowers man to reorient his life toward selfless giving, living, loving, and serving.

The Bible tells us in Romans 1:16 that the Gospel of Christ "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes..." It is the Gospel alone that has the power to change us and to fit us for heaven.



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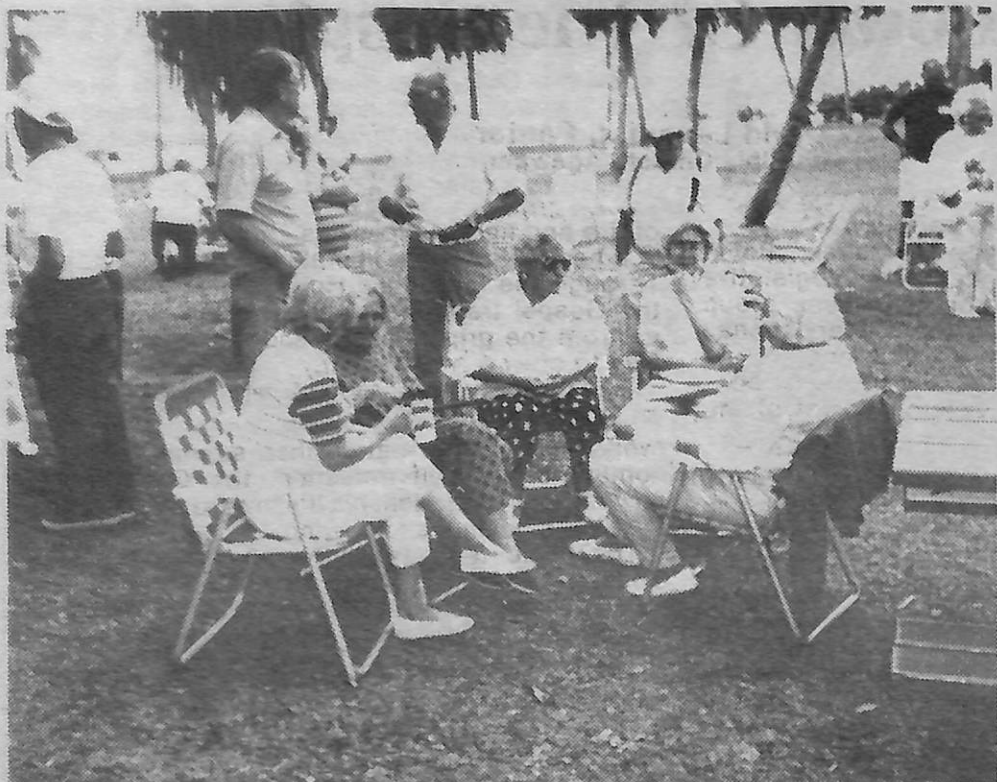


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# 11th Annual Agawam Day In Florida



CELEBRATING THE 11th Annual Agawam Day Picnic in Tarpon Springs Florida last month include Lee Emerson, Florence Albano, Angie Sheldon, Mary Sheldon, and Rita Jones (seated). Standing are Ralph Sheldon, Ken Grady (center), and Billy Brissette.



IN TOP PHOTO, Dottie & Skip Rising, Everett Pond, Peggy Raymond, and Verna Allen enjoy the comradery on the 11th Annual Agawam Day in Florida; IN PHOTO BELOW, Ken Grady, the retired chief of police, and Jim Clark, retired superintendent of schools, chat about the good old days up north. At right is Clayton Harrington.



DOM RUDY and WALTER KERR chat about the great weather at the 11th Annual Agawam Day in Florida last month. The vent was again held at Howard Park in Tarpon Springs.



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## Ladies' Tea Held At Agawam Congregational



LADIES IN THE COMMUNITY WERE treated to the Annual Ladies' Tea at the Agawam Congregational Church on April 9th. Pictured above are Doris Kistner, Mary August, Barbara Hodges, Jean Goss, Caroline Lauritsen, Anna Benson, Shirley Goss, and Phyllis Damon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Lions Brighten Easter For Elderly



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB recently paid a visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home (East Building) to make Easter crafts for the residents. The club distributed hand-made Easter bonnets, bunnies, and chicks to the residents of the East Wing to help brighten their holiday. From left - Shirley Shea, Marsha Finck, Marge Disco, Elaine Taupier, Rosemarie Maniscalco, and Lynn Dialessi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Ag. Congregational Has Wednesday Service

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that its Wednesday Night Service will continue at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 8:00 p.m.

The church also announces that its Family Night for May is scheduled for Friday, May 15th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

On this evening, church member Judy Lefebvre will demonstrate the basics of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and special "summertime" first-aid. A potluck dessert will follow the session on first-aid.

There will be childcare available, provided by the church's Junior High Youth Group. For more information or to register, call Sue Tapply, 786-1430.

*Timeless Truth For Today...*

## Victim Of His Own Invention

by Roger Martin

Pastor, Agawam Church of the Bible

The flashing lights and wailing siren caught the attention of Sir Robert Watson as he drove in Canada. Caught in a radar trap, he was arrested for speeding.

No one that I know likes getting ticketed for speeding, but Sir Watt had more cause than most to be frustrated. You see, only a few years earlier, it was he who invented radar!

He wrote the following poem:

*Pity Sir Robert Watson Watt,  
strange target of his radar plot,  
and this, with others I could mention,  
a victim of his own invention.*

Watt's story illustrates the truth that our actions have consequences for us, even if we do not immediately recognize them. The Bible puts it this way: "Don't be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

Our choices have consequences for now and for eternity. Our decision to acknowledge God's authority over our lives and to trust Him brings forgiveness and true satisfaction now, as well as eternity with God.

The choice to live by one's own guidelines results in guilt and temporary satisfaction at best; the future consequence is eternal separation from God.

It is so tempting to live as if our actions and choices have no consequences, but don't be fooled. God certainly isn't.

Your response is always welcome. You can call me at 789-2904 or write me at: P.O. Box 130, Agawam, MA, 01001.

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The charm of large, wooded lots on rolling hills with lantern lit streets is the ideal setting for anyone seeking a rural country lifestyle, while having the conveniences and services of downtown Southwick and Westfield just minutes away. The developers of "The Woods" at Sunnyside Ranch are lifelong residents of the community and have been praised for the project's attention to detail and the exemplary construction standards they have demonstrated.



Southwick and "The Woods" are a great place to raise a family. A town of just 8,500 people, Southwick is a very progressive community aware of possible future growth problems. The community has just embarked upon an ambitious project to revise and develop a planned strategy to preserve its rural character.

A home purchase at "The Woods" would truly be a protected investment not only because of the community's consciousness, but also because of the protections that are afforded you by the restrictive covenants. They are an intricate part of this quality planned subdivision. Protection of the landscape, the preservation of the area's beauty and the quality construction standards are just some of the guarantees protecting your investment.



**MOLTA STAFF: Robert Molta - 569-5366; Peggy Lis - 569-3083; Kay Donaldson - 786-1288; Connie Burke-Galanek - 568-4115; Mike Molta - 569-5366**





## Spotlight On Business



AT THE STEARNS & YERRALL Awards Night, Jane Palmer accepts top honors from James L. McKeon.

### Seeing Eye Dogs Act Of Love For Gallants

For Kelly Gallant, owner and operator of Elaine's Pet Salon, in Feeding Hills, she could not imagine what it would be like to be dependent on other people.

And because Mrs. Gallant's profession and expertise revolves around dog grooming, her involvement with the Guiding Eyes For the Blind Inc. is a natural one for her and the salon.

Mrs. Gallant, with her husband, Ed, are helping to meet the needs of blind people who need seeing eye dogs. The Gallants belong to the Connecticut based chapter of Guiding Eyes for the Blind and have raised two puppies for this important program.

Mrs. Gallant told us that the center matches about 125 to 130 dogs a year with blind people, and three people in the Springfield area are using dogs from Guiding Eyes. People and dogs from all over the country are matched through Guiding Eyes, which has its headquarters in Yorktown Heights, New York.

Mrs. Gallant says teaching puppies to be seeing eye dogs is a long and involved process which will end when the dogs turn 14 to 16 months.

#### Devotion To Program

And anyone who walks into Elaine's Pet Salon and views the easy manner and affection both Ed & Kelly Gallant have for these dogs, will quickly understand their devotion to the program.

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KELLY GALLANT, owner and operator of Elaine's Pet Salon in Feeding Hills, is training seeing eye dogs for the blind. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Stearns & Yerrall Bestows Awards On Its Top Salespeople

James L. McKeon, Vice President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors announced Sales Performance Figures for 1991.

Sales for calendar year 1991 increased 60.3% over 1990. The trend continued for the first half of fiscal year 1992 with a 75.2% increase in sales over 1991.

At the recent company awards party top salespeople were recognized for their 1991 achievements.

Top honors for overall company-wide volume went to Jane Palmer of Somers, Connecticut, who achieved over seven million in sales volume. Second honors, company wide, went to Luayne Schwartz of Longmeadow. Third honors went to Ann Marie Conniff of Westfield.

Each of the four Stearns & Yerrall Offices named top salespeople as well. Jane Palmer took top honors for the Longmeadow Office; Sandy Sorel was honored as top salesperson for the Wilbraham Office; Bonnie Harp took top salesperson honors for the Springfield Office; Ann Marie Conniff was named top salesperson for the Westfield Office.



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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Investors Concerned About Markets**

by Tim Ayre  
Merrill Lynch Financial Consultant

"When a fellow says it hain't the money but the principle o' the thing, it's th' money."

Abe Martin

The events of the past year—both in the bond markets and the world at large—have presented investors with many concerns and created a climate of indecision and caution.

While many of these concerns are justifiable, the average investor searching for growth still allocates too large a portion of their assets to short-term, fixed-income instruments.

In an attempt to avoid risk, investors are sacrificing years of valuable growth.

Here's one simple strategy which guarantees your principle while allowing you to put 50-55% of your investable assets into a quality growth vehicle:

Let's assume you have \$50,000 to invest; you will reinvest all your proceeds and you have a 10-year horizon. The average investor seeking safety will put the whole \$50,000 into a one- or two-year CD and roll it over each year in the hopes of earning higher rates each time.

Assuming no taxes are paid and an average annual rate of 7%, this person would have approximately \$98,353 after 10 years.

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Try this!! With that same \$50,000, buy yourself a 10-year, U.S. government-guaranteed, zero-coupon bond. An investment of \$23,712 would guarantee your initial \$50,000 principle back after 10 years.

Put the remaining \$26,288 into a quality growth mutual fund. A 10-year, average annual return of 14% would produce approximately \$97,444. This sum—coupled with your initial \$50,000—would give you approximately \$147,444 after 10 years—a significant increase.

By doing this, you've guaranteed your principle, minimized your risk, allocated your assets more efficiently, and put yourself on the right track to achieve long-term growth.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about setting up a program like this, feel free to call me at Merrill Lynch (785-4141).

**New Realtor Joins Landry, Lyons, White**

Laurence D. Landry, President of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes and Gardens announces that Tonga York has joined our Westfield office as a Sales Associate.

Tonga has been in the real estate business since 1978. She owned and operated her own business for 10 years and has been a Million Dollar producer.

She has been a resident of our community for 25 years.

LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes and Gardens is the largest real estate firm in the Pioneer Valley and has over 160 Salespeople and nine offices with locations in Chicopee, Feeding Hills, Longmeadow, Palmer, Springfield, West Springfield, Westfield and Wilbraham.

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**New Real Estate Agents At George & Green**

**GEORGE & GREEN REAL ESTATE**, headquartered in Agawam, is pleased to announce that Toni Lasky (left), Beverly Bridges, and Nelson "Skip" Paige have joined the Agawam staff. George & Green is located on Main Street, Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**SEEING EYE DOGS - from Page 20...**

"The hardest part of the program is giving the dog up. But puppy raisers know how much the dogs mean to the program. It can help the blind become independent which all of us certainly take for granted," Mrs. Gallant told us.

Mrs. Gallant says the training to make the dogs effective seeing eye dogs is a long road as "only 50 percent of the dogs raised for Guiding Eyes actually get to be guide dogs."

The Gallant's first dog, Monica, was rejected because of a confidence problem. But the Gallants accepted her back. They are now raising Sapphire and are keeping their fingers crossed that the Labrador (black) will make the grade.

The Gallants are so involved in this program

that they donate 50 percent of the tips they receive from grooming at Elaine's Pet Salon to Guiding Eyes.

They even participated in a walk-a-thon that raised \$500 for Guiding Eyes.

"I can't tell you how much this program has come to mean to me and my husband," said Mrs. Gallant. "There are so many ways people can become involved in this program without becoming actual puppy raisers. For those who are puppy raisers, it takes a lot of time, love, and patience. But in the end, it is a wonderful feeling."

Guiding Eyes, she said, pays for veterinarian services. Puppy raisers pay for the dog's food (about \$75 per year for the Gallants).

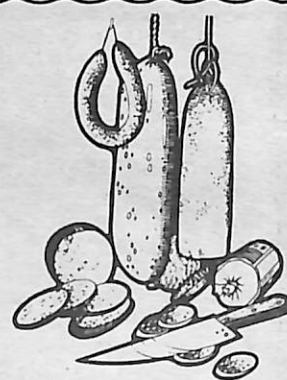
Those who are interested in becoming puppy raisers or seeking more information may contact the Gallants at Elaine's Pet Salon, 786-6242.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...**

JOANNE CARR

## New England School Supply Of Agawam Announces Bevy Of Company Promotions

New England School Supply of Agawam, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chaselle, Inc., announces the following promotions:

Pete Chechile of Feeding Hills has been promoted to Administration Manager. He will be responsible for all office operations, which include the Contracts, Accounts Receivable, Customer Service, Order Processing, Order Editing, Data Processing, Teachers' Store, Office Services and Payroll/Personnel departments.

Chechile has over 25 years experience at NESS with the last 11 years serving as Contracts Manager.

Barbara Benoit of Springfield has been promoted to Assistant Administration Manager. She will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Accounts Receivable, Customer Service, Order Editing and Office Service departments.

Barbara has over 7 years experience at NESS and has been Accounts Receivable Supervisor for

the past two years.

David Krupczak of West Springfield has been promoted to Contracts Manager. He has over 15 years experience at NESS and has been the Assistant Contracts Manager for the past three years.

Congratulations to all on these well deserved promotions.

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### Joanne Carr Joins Molta Realty

Molta Real Estate is pleased to announce that Joanne Carr has joined the firm as a sales associate in its Agawam office.

As a past research and development administrator, Joanne brings expertise in many areas of business. She is currently attending Westfield State College as a Computer Science Major.

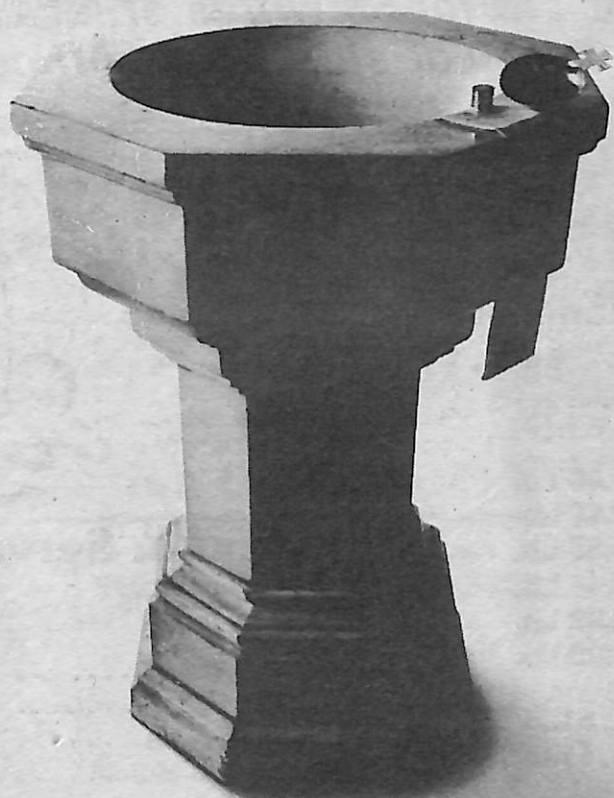
Joanne resides in Feeding Hills with her husband, Bill, and daughter, Kelley, and looks forward to specializing in residential sales.

*Deadline is Tuesday at noontime.*

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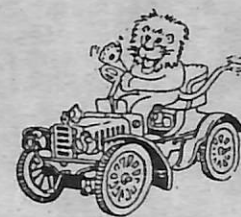
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Spotlight On Business - continued...



## Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

by Raymond Rose  
Financial/Marketing Consultant  
Feeding Hills

Special Announcement

Over the past several months, Mr. Timothy Dion, President of Community Mortgage Company, a multi-million dollar, residential lender based in Worcester County, and I have had several conversations about his company's need for representation in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. After several weeks of discussion, I have elected to become his associate.

Being in the real estate rental and sales business over the past seven years has not only allowed me to thoroughly understand its in-depth procedures, but also to identify and analyze its problem areas, especially as they relate to home financing.

Now that I am in a position in which I am able to offer all types of home loans, including first and second mortgages, bridge loans, refinancing, jumbo loans, FHA & VA loans, first time home buyer programs (buy a house using none of your own money), no point/no closing costs loans, as well as two step and conventional loans, featuring fixed and adjustable rates, my plans are to eliminate the many obstacles that inconvenience today's home buyers and home sellers, and become dedicated to making the financing of a house a simple and speedy process.

Thus, if you or anyone you know should ever be in need of financing or refinancing a single family or multi-family house, please contact me for a free, no pressure consultation.

I absolutely guarantee that I can offer my clients hassle-free financing at the most competitive interest rates anywhere. Let my knowledge work for you by explaining the many options available in today's market that can dramatically save you time, money, and aggravation ... ideas that many other lenders may not even be aware of.

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Please call for more information about our many loan programs and our low interest rates, or to take advantage of our **FREE MORTGAGE PRE-QUALIFICATION HOTLINE** (we will pre-approve anyone for a loan through our computerized phone lines plus obtain/analyze your credit report absolutely **FREE** ... just call our 24 hour line at 1-413-789-5300).

If you wish to contact me, the office phone number is 1-800-552-1044 ... at home, my personal number is 413-786-5241, and my faxline is 413-786-0941.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact me for important financing information ... I will always give you and your friends truthful and non-biased answers to all your questions with absolutely no obligation.

Please realize that each time you make any decision regarding financing, it could cost (or save) you thousands of dollars ... let me advise you on these money-saving techniques.

I wish you the very best in the future ... and thank you for your time and future consideration.

**BONUS** ... Be sure to cut out and keep this column in a safe place ... it's worth \$25.00 off your appraisal when you apply for any type of financing/refinancing.

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Since we're on the subject of real estate and mortgages, let's go over the five key areas that loan officials review when processing a loan ... they are **INCOME, DEBT, CREDIT, EMPLOYMENT** and **APPRAISAL**.

**INCOME** means more than how much money you take home each week ... here's a quick breakdown ...

—Different loan programs have different qualifying ratios (what percentage of your income can be used to make your mortgage payment and pay your monthly debts). Call me for details.

—Gross income (before tax) is used when calculating the ratios, not net income (take home pay).

—Lenders typically review the amount of your last two years of income, including W-2's, and your year-to-date earnings.

—In many cases to qualify for a loan, the income from your spouse (and sometimes your children) can be used in calculating the ratios to qualify for a loan.

—Certain rules apply to using the income you earn from overtime.

—You can buy a house with a non-relative (and thus their income can be used to qualify for a mortgage).

—In many cases, child support and alimony (if you're **receiving** these monies), part-time jobs and more can be used as income.

—Lenders will not consider income earned working "under the table."

—Certain rules apply for those that are self-employed

**DEBT** is an area where many people become confused ... here's how it works ...

—The amount of your monthly debt is calculated and analyzed.

—Monthly debt, in the eyes of the lender, includes car payments, credit card bills, charge card payments, student loans, child support and alimony (when you're **paying** these monies), per-

sonal loans and certain other monthly bills. (Call me for specifics.)

—Monthly debt, in the eyes of the lender, does not include your grocery bills, your electric/gas/oil payments, utilities (phone, water/sewer, cable TV), insurance (car/health/life), medical bills, etc. (Call me for specifics.)

**CREDIT** is a critical area ... and it's also very simple. The lender reviews your credit report and analyzes "Do you have a good history of paying all of your bills on time and in full," and if not ... why not?

If you are constantly 30 to 60 days behind (or more) in paying your inexpensive monthly credit card bills, and other loans, what makes the lender think that you'll pay your expensive mortgage on time.

Lenders do realize that special situations may have occurred in the past. If this should be your case, a letter of explanation written by the borrower may be accepted to override the credit problem.

**EMPLOYMENT** ... Lenders want to see stable employment from those who are applying for the loan. They will research a minimum of the last two years with your employer(s). A recent job change is not necessarily frowned upon (as most people believe), especially if it's in the same occupation.

**APPRAISAL** ... An independent appraiser, who is hired by the lender, will evaluate the current market value of the house in which the borrower wishes to purchase/refinance, based on recent sales of similar houses in the same area. The appraiser submits their findings and the lender thoroughly analyzes the results.

Unfortunately, there's not enough room in this column to write everything. In my opinion, purchasing or refinancing a home in today's marketplace is a very simple process. Again, please call me for a free consultation with absolutely no obligation.

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# For Your Health

## Lecture Series



DR. TINA ROSS, chiropractor, of Feeding Hills (Hampden County Chiropractic Office), gave a lecture series throughout the month of March on Wednesday evenings at the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel  
M.S., S.M.C.



### Stay Positive!

**DEAR DR. SOBEL:** I greatly enjoy reading your uplifting and informational columns. I would appreciate it if you would give some insight on what you feel is the most important ingredient in leading a less stressful life.

I am looking forward with great interest to your comments.

Thank You, Y.T., Feeding Hills

**ANSWER: Daily Positive Attitude—**There is nothing more powerful in determining your quality of life than your attitude. Attitude is the FEELING you have about yourself, your daily destiny, and your approach to the daily demands you will inevitably be involved in.

The people that stand out in my mind in conversation are the ones who truly believe that they are responsible for their life—the choices they make and how they decide to deal with adversity.

It is almost as if the foundation for their approach to life is rooted in a BILL OF RIGHTS—which says that they really do have a right to be happy, a right to maximum mental and physical health, and a right to say "NO!" to negative people.

(Negative people, for those who may not know, are the type of people that simply by leaving the room, the room brightens up!)

A great way to elicit a daily positive attitude is to also say first thing in the morning (as soon as you awaken) an uplifting phrase of eight words or less. You can borrow mine, which is, "I feel great and I look great."

Say it six times as you sit on the side of the bed. Say it even if you do not really feel great—I call this my "fake it 'til you absolutely make it philosophy!" You will notice that even if the weather is miserable outside, you can still take initiative and responsibility for your day.

This is your morning "power move." (It is better than reminding yourself how tired you are—the

more you do this, the more tired your attitude will be!) Remember, the wording you use creates an "image" in your mind's eye which gets etched very strongly—like it or not, you ACT upon that image in terms of behavior and attitude.

This is a very powerful technology, not some Far Eastern voodoo magic. Also remember the six most vital words concerning the development of a positive attitude: "YOU BECOME WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT!" Sounds so simple, but it is so true.

Concentrate on the positives in your life, take your job tasks one at a time whenever you can, and greet others as you would like to be greeted—and also, stop worrying about those issues, situations, and people that you cannot change. Do this by remembering what Mark Twain said: "There were many things I worried about, few of which ever happened!"

Also, remember your great uniqueness and that life is happening FROM YOU, NOT TO YOU! No more victims of discouragement and boredom; only initiators of enthusiasm and perseverance!

**THINK LIKE THE EXTRAORDINARY PERSON YOU ARE!** Your mind and body will thank you, and you will "see" all the abundance that perhaps has been there all the time.

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—**Upcoming Special Seminars:** May 9th (Saturday), 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Title: "Creating High Self-Esteem and Self-Reliance For Children, Ages 9-13." Cost is \$15 per child and pre-registration is needed. Call 785-1259 for info.

—**Another Great Seminar:** "How To Deal Superbly And Creatively With Difficult People And Conflict." Tuesday, May 12th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person (for every three that attend, a fourth goes free). Call 785-1259 for info.

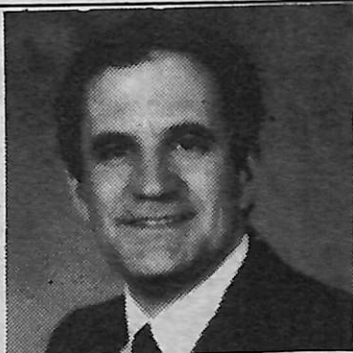
—**Adult Self-Esteem Program Starting In May!** This is a four-session (two hours per session) program that has been going on for years now. It has helped so many! Call Dr. Sobel at 785-1259 for info, schedule of classes, fees. Group has no more than seven to 10 adults. Learn to stay confident and obtain what you deserve in your life. High self-esteem is critical to your success!

—**Book Offer:** Dr. Sobel's new book is called "The Good Times Handbook—Your Guide To Positive Living And An Exciting Life." Cost is \$12.95 plus \$2.50 for postage/handling (please include 5% Mass. tax). If you wish to order it, send a check payable to Dr. Sobel to: Dr. Steve Sobel's Book Offer, The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089. (Allow one week for delivery and include your name and full address.)

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**Lower Back Injury**

**QUESTION:** Last month while snow skiing in Vermont, I had a bad tumble and hurt my lower back. At first it didn't seem like much of anything, but then the pain in my low back began to increase.

I saw my doctor because the pain wouldn't go away. He prescribed an anti-inflammatory and muscle relaxer and suggested I stay in bed for a few days. After about a week, I was feeling better and began to resume my normal activities.

Then the pain started coming back again. I'm still bothered and sometimes the pain seems to go into my leg. Can chiropractic help?

**ANSWER:** Probably! You should certainly question the return of this pain. An injury on the ski-slope is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash.

The body is struck or badly twisted, and the bones in back can be misplaced or sometimes fractured. It appears that an underlying cause of the problem is in need of correction.

Masking the symptoms of this problem with pain medication is temporary. We are all anxious for instant cures; however, you must understand that the chiropractor is not only interested in relieving your pain.

He also wants to correct the underlying cause of the pain and then help to keep it from coming back. Your chiropractor will take the time to examine your spine and study x-rays of the problem area.

Following the analysis of your condition, a program of care and rehabilitation will be recommended. There may be structural weaknesses, disc involvement, degenerative changes, postural considerations, or other reasons which will affect your rate of recovery.

Be sure of this. This type of condition you describe warrants further investigation. Should your chiropractor feel it necessary to consult with another doctor or refer you, it will be done.

Should additional information be needed, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, by calling 789-1369 or 789-1073.

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**Agawam Medical Center Establish  
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This is a specialized program designed to identify, evaluate, counsel and treat people with lipid disorders. Lipids (Cholesterol and Triglycerides) are one of the major contributing factors to heart attack, stroke, and peripheral vascular disease.

Prevention, identification, stabilization and/or regression of these problems will be the major goal of this program.

Franklyn H. Carrington, M.D. is the physician directing this program. He has spent the major part of 15 years in clinical practice of Medicine, identifying and reducing cardiovascular risk factors. He will be working with a staff of Registered Nurses and a Registered Dietician.

The facility for the Lipid Clinic will be at the fully

equipped Agawam Medical Center located at 163 Silver Street in Agawam.

This facility has a state certified laboratory as well as capabilities for exercise stress testing, radiography, etc. It is anticipated that counselling sessions will include a multi-faceted input of video seminar, examination, laboratory, dietary and exercise counselling and referral as needed into adjunctive programs as smoking discontinuance and exercise prescription.

This announcement is the first of programs specifically dedicated to this major health issue today and, as of now, is the only formal program in the area specifically dedicated to this major health concern issue.

Appointments are available at various times of the day, including evenings, and can be scheduled by calling Internal Medical Associates at (413) 786-7217.

**Childbirth Courses  
Slated At Noble Hosp.**

Noble Hospital will offer a six week course on childbirth for expectant parents beginning April 28th through June 6th. The six week course provides an overview of the natural method of childbirth.

Topics include relaxation and physical conditioning exercises; breathing techniques; and the physical and emotional aspects of pregnancy, labor, delivery and the post-partum period. Particular attention is given to the coach's role.

Childbirth classes are offered throughout the year at Noble Hospital's Education Center, adjacent to the hospital on Mill Street. The class is held Tuesday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

The class fee is \$60 per couple. A breast feeding class will be held on June 2nd. An additional \$10 fee is charged.

For more information or to register, call the Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 421.

**Spinal Cord Help  
At Mercy Hospital**

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health is sponsoring its monthly support group meeting for victims of spinal cord injury and their families.

The meeting is to be held on Wednesday, April 29th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

Any individual who has a spinal cord injury, as well as any family member, may attend. The group is offered as a community service and is free of charge.

For more information, contact Maggie Wynne, M.S.W., at 737-8153, ext. 6456.

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## Arts

### "Little House" Subject Of Program By Ag. Arts Council

The First Friday Series of the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council presents Marcia Perlmutter in the role of Caroline Ingles Wilder, author of "Little House on the Prairie," on Friday, May 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam.

Originally from Selma, Alabama, Marcia Perlmutter has made her home in New England, where she was an elementary school art teacher for 11 years. In 1982, she left her teaching position to make "Characters" of "Characters of Educational Theater" in Franklin, Massachusetts, her full-time position.

Perlmutter has previously performed in the First Friday Series, when she portrayed the characters in the "Three Mill Girls of Lowell," a view of life in the fabric mills of Lowell, Massachusetts. This was a very successful program, so by popular request, she is back with her portrayal of Caroline Ingles Wilder.

Dressed in the costume of her time and place, Caroline Ingles Wilder relates her personal experiences raising her daughters on the Kansas plains in the 1860's.

This program is free to the public. Funding is made possible by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



MARCIA PERLMUTTER of "Characters" Educational Theater, will be portraying Caroline Ingles Wilder, author of "Little House On The Prairie" for the Agawam Arts Council on Friday, May 1st.

### Cabaret Concert At Bay Path College

Bay Path College will present its 12th annual Cabaret Concert on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. in Blake Student Center dining room on the Longmeadow campus.

The event is open to the public with no charge for admission.

Under the direction of Charles E. Page, director of music at the college, the event showcases the talents of Bay Path's Glee Club and smaller singing group, the Keynotes.

The student groups and soloists will offer music of the 60s, a medley of "The Best of Broadway," a medley of "do-wop" songs, as well as more familiar pop songs and ballads. Also featured will be the Faculty Cabaret Artists, a group of seven faculty members who will perform a selection of music from the past.

Master of ceremonies for the Cabaret Concert is Paul C. Norton, director of theatre and dance at Bay Path, and singers will be accompanied by a three piece combo.

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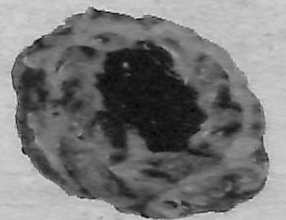
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JORDAN PAGE as Gepetto puts the final touches to his wooden marionette Pinocchio played by Derek Donnelly of Suffield as they rehearse a scene from STAGE's upcoming production "The Adventures Of Pinocchio."

## Agawam Children To Be Featured In Upcoming Play "Pinocchio" In F.H.

Southwick: STAGE (Student Theatre Arts Group Enterprises) has announced that tickets are now on sale for their spring production, *The Adventures of Pinocchio*.

The play has been adapted for the stage by Margie Secora of Southwick. Secora is co-producer of STAGE and one half of the popular singing duo KIT AND KABOODLE.

*Pinocchio* will have its premiere performance the weekend of April 24th with shows Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25th at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m.

STAGE has cast three of its Suffield veterans to play the part of Pinocchio: Briony Davies, Derek Donnelly and Alyssa McCloud share the role, which recounts the adventures of the little wooden-head from puppet to a real live boy.

All three have performed with STAGE before. Briony has been with the group since its first show, *Alice In Wonderland*, in which she played Alice. Since then, she has performed in *Toby Tyler*, *Christmas in Oz*, *The Snow Queen* and many others.

Derek played Toby in *Toby Tyler* and was also in *Peter Pan* and *Aladdin*.

Alyssa has been with STAGE for three seasons since playing Bilbo in *The Hobbit*, and has performed in *Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory*, *Babes In Toyland* and *The Snow Queen*.

Other well-known Collodi characters are being played by 35 area young people who have been

rehearsing for the past six weeks.

Jordan Page, last seen in Westfield's production of *The King and I*, plays Gepetto. Jordan, who lives in Agawam, has played many roles with STAGE, including *Peter Pan* and *Aladdin*, and also studies theatre at The Drama Studio in Springfield.

The cricket is brought to life by Austin Allen of Suffield. Veterans Mike Moreau and Jesse Randzio of Southwick play the coachman and puppet-master, respectfully, and Marcy Secora and Kara Lewantowicz of Springfield portray the conniving fox and cat.

The young thespians have been busy rehearsing, set-painting and creating publicity posters at the new Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills.

STAGE, along with several other groups, including Agawam Repertory Theatre, was responsible for converting the former Valley Community Church Day Care Center into a performing arts center.

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STAGE has already planned their Summer Theatre Camp schedule for the facility and includes *Tip of Oz*, *The Peach Boy* and *Charlie and The Great Glass Elevator*.

All seats for *Pinocchio* are only \$3, but reservations are a must as STAGE shows often are a sell-out.

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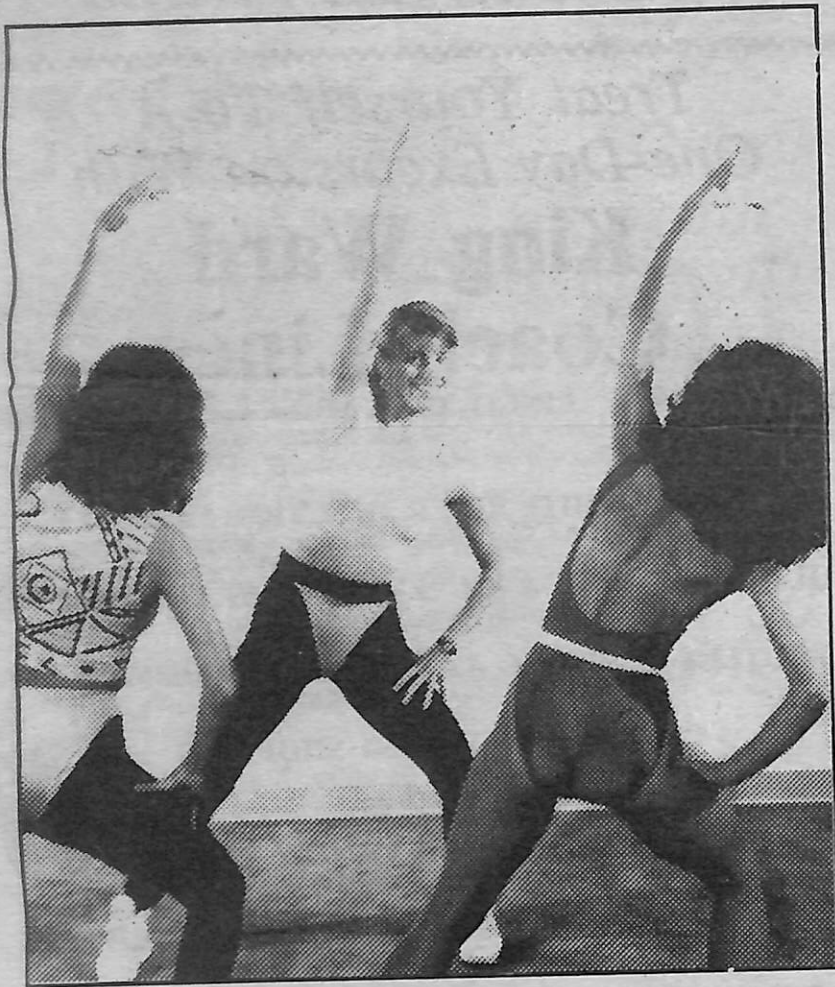
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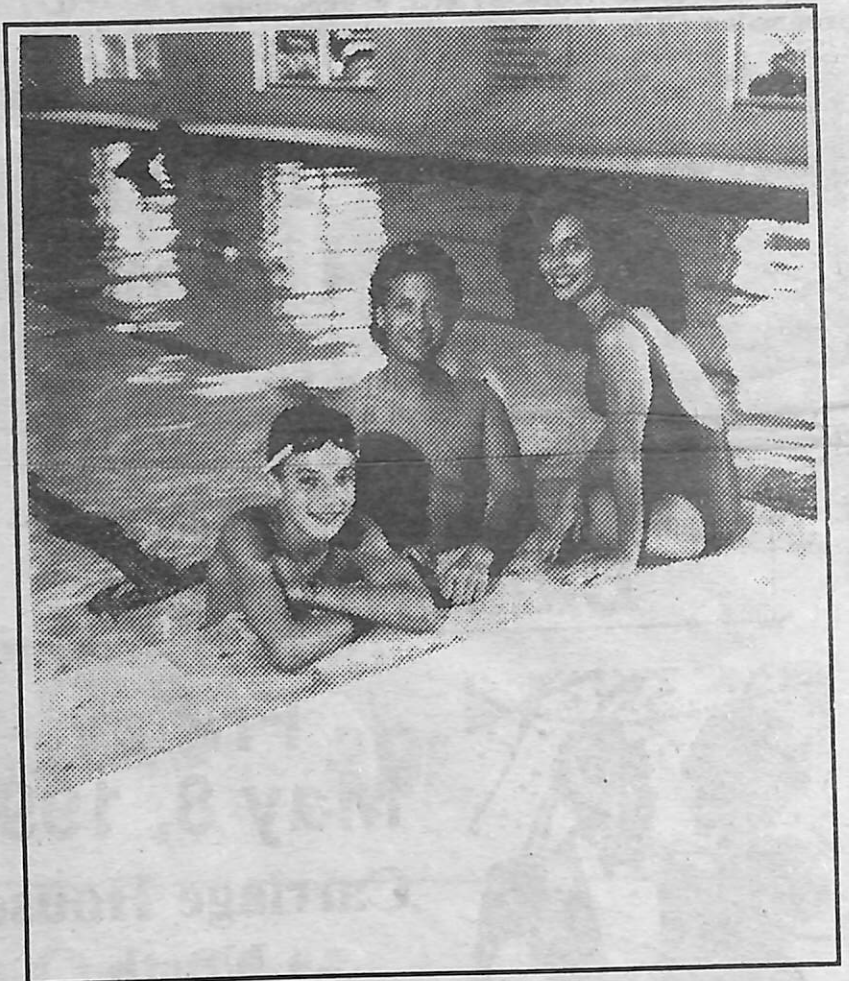
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